

Now Wanderers stake claim in Floodlight

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Chesham United 0

WYCOMBE WANDERERS established a firm, if late, claim for the Section A championship in the Premier Floodlight League with Tuesday evening's victory at Loakes Park.

Their two League points take them to second position in the table, two behind Hayes, who have played the same amount of games and who have met Wanderers both home and away in the first part of the programme.

Wycombe, with perhaps the easier set of fixtures (they have

yet to meet bottom placed Hemel Hempstead twice), must now be fancied.

However, apart from the unpredictability of Wanderers form in the competition, there is still the factor of Hillingdon Borough to be considered.

The Southern Leaguers have two games in hand and are only one point adrift. Much therefore could depend on the meeting between Wycombe and Hillingdon at Loakes Park — one of the six remaining fixtures left for Wycombe to complete. Borough won the match at Leas Stadium 1-0.

Tuesday's success was gained without too much fuss. Chesham had three first team regulars on the injury list, and ten others (first and second team players) off with 'flu.'

Wanderers enjoyed the better of the midfield bantering which ensued throughout the match.

ONE-UP

After 25 minutes, Viv Busby ran clear of goalkeeper Ludlow and defender Olson after the ball had been moved upfield from Wycombe's area, to open the scoring.

Centre forward, Ken Gregory, more accustomed to wearing the number eleven shirt in Chesham's reserve side, cannoned the ball onto Wycombe's crossbar late in the half and Busby headed wide when he could have picked his spot.

Chesham's misfortune hit again before half time, as Ludlow was carried off and taken to Wycombe hospital after being knocked cold. Full back Brian Thackery took over the keeper's role while Malcolm Brook came on as substitute.

The visitors, including ex-Wanderers' defender, Lou Temel in a midfield role, and also playing John Goulson, who made one short appearance for Wanderers earlier in the year, were 2-0 down after 55 minutes. Barry Baker slipped into the United defence and put the ball past Thackery.

Not however until shortly into injury time did the score go to 3-0, Johnny Hutchinson's shot being deflected into goal by Gerry Olson.

Wycombe Wanderers: O'Brien; Thomas, Lailey; Rundle, Delaney, Blunt; Worley, Baker, Faulkner, Busby, Hutchinson, Sub, Gale (not used).